

### **Policy #1: BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS**

- Effective immediately, the Pine Bluff Police Department is prohibiting the use of chokeholds and knee to the head and/or neck maneuvers. Research shows that these maneuvers restrict and cut off carotid blood flow which cuts off oxygen and could result in death or injury. It also can cause damage to the spine.
- The only exception will be when the maneuvers would be necessary to protect your life in extreme life or death situations and no reasonable alternatives exist.
- This is a Special Order that was enacted on June 10, 2020. It is pending approval of the Mayor and City Council before it will become a departmental policy.

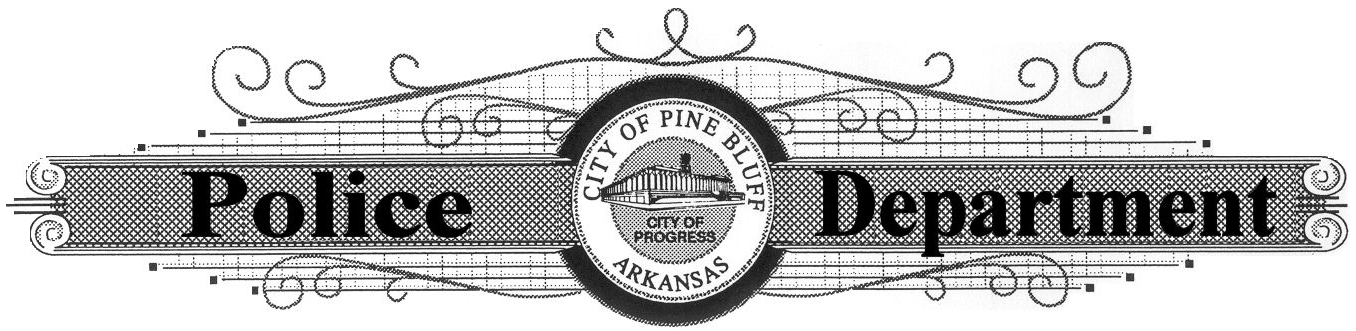
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### **Policy #2: REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION**

- Prior to using physical, all officers will use de-escalation techniques to decrease the likelihood that physical force will be necessary and increase the likelihood of cooperation between the officers and subject.

Examples:

1. Verbal communication
2. Time and distance
3. Retreat to cover
4. Being patient
5. Call for the assistance of other officers



### **Policy #3: REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING**

- Officers shall issue a verbal warning, when possible, before using deadly force.

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### **Policy #4: REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM**

The levels of force that are included in the agency's continuum of force include:

**Level 1:** Verbal Commands.

**Level 2:** Use of Hands/Minor Physical Force

**Level 3:** Oleoresin Capsicum (OC Spray)/Taser Electronic Restraint Device

**Level 4:** Baton or other Impact Weapon

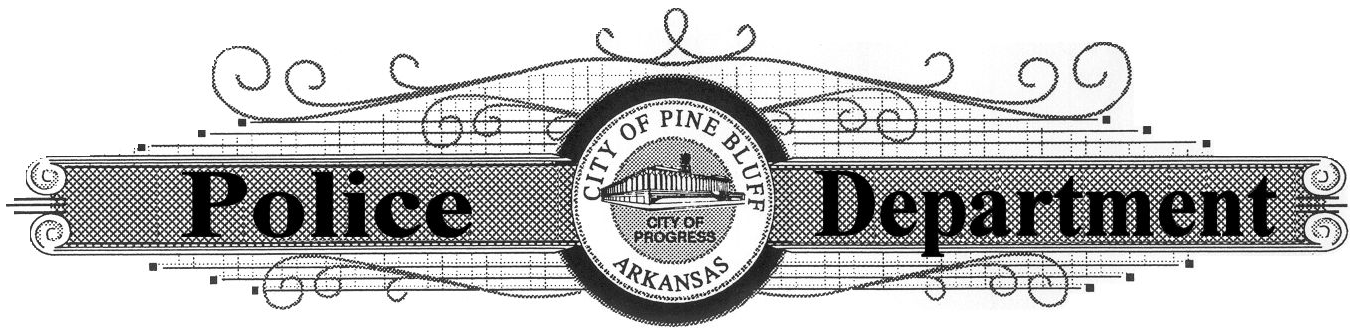
**Level 5:** Less-Than-Lethal Projectiles

**Level 6:** Deadly Force

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### **Policy #5: REQUIRES EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING**

- Each situation is unique. Good judgment and the circumstances of each situation will dictate the level of the continuum of force at which an officer will start.
- Depending on the circumstances, officers may find it necessary to escalate or de-escalate the use of force by progressing up or down the force continuum.
- It is not the intent of this policy to require officers to try each of the options before moving to the next, as long as the level of force used is reasonable under the circumstances.



### **Policy #6: DUTY TO INTERVENE**

- Officers shall intervene to stop any officer from using excessive force. Intervention may be verbal and/or physical.
  - Failure to intervene may subject an officer to disciplinary action.
  - Officers must immediately, or as soon as safety allows, notify the on-duty supervisor.
  - Officers intervention will be reported as a use of force, following the same procedures as force used against a citizen.
  - This is a Special Order that was enacted on June 19, 2020. It is pending approval of the Mayor and City Council before it will become a departmental policy
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### **Policy #7: RESTRICTIONS FOR SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES**

- Decisions to discharge a firearm at or from a moving vehicle shall be governed by this use-of force policy and are prohibited if they present an unreasonable risk to the officer or others.
- Officers may discharge a firearm at or into a moving vehicle if the occupants of the vehicle are using deadly force, including the vehicle itself, against the officer or another person.

**To offer any suggestions or recommendations regarding these policies, email [mayor@cityofpinebluff.com](mailto:mayor@cityofpinebluff.com) or call 870-730-2000, ext. 7.**